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To: New Jersey FFA Chapter Advisors/Agricultural Education Instructors

From: Nancy J. Trivette, Program Leader, Agricultural Education
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Re: **Spring Leadership Development Conferences**
Friday, March 19, 2004, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Cook College Campus Center, Rutgers University, Biel Road, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, (732) 932-7617

REGISTRATION IS DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2004.

The **Made For Excellence Conference** is a one-day personal development conference designed for high school *freshmen and sophomores* and focuses on the personal growth of each individual person. The conference theme is "A World of Success." Topics include: conflict resolution, goal setting and self-esteem. Conference staff members include Jake Peissig, WI; Kjer Ames, OR; and Lisa Nelson, WY. NOTE: To register, please use the Made For Excellence Conference tab on the registration form.

The **Advanced Leadership Development Conference** is a one-day personal development conference designed for high school *juniors and seniors* that focuses on career exploration, leadership and communication skills, as well as community and volunteerism efforts. The conference theme is "The Time is Right." Conference staff members include Tracy Kitchel, MO; Lindsay Land, FL; and Mary Kurtz, SD. NOTE: To register, please use the Advanced Leadership Development Conference tab on the registration form.

TEACHER WORKSHOP – "LifeKnowledge"

A professional development workshop for agricultural education teachers will be held in conjunction with the student conferences. Kevin Keith, Local Program Success Specialist, will present "LifeKnowledge" curriculum and participants will receive the 3-CD curriculum with 275 lessons. Further details for this conference will be sent under a separate memo. Watch for details! NOTE: To register, please use the Teacher Conference tab on the registration form.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The student conference registration fee is **\$67 per person**, which covers conference costs, one lunch and two snacks.

Please make your check for \$67 per person payable to: Treasurer, State of New Jersey and submit it with the preregistration form by February 27th to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0330. Early registration is recommended. We reserve the right to reject reservations when registration is full.

Please use the online registration forms for all New Jersey State Events

http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/rural/ag_ed/events.htm. Late registration (after February 27th) will be billed an additional \$15.00 per student and/or advisor. All non-FFA members will be charged \$10 above the regular rate to compensate for fees paid for by FFA dues. The conference will begin with registration at **8:00 a.m.** and end at **5:00 p.m.** Friday evening.

Official dress/business attire is required. Tee shirts will be on sale from National FFA for \$10.

If you are aware of a special service/assistance needed to participate in an activity or event, please notify the Office of Agricultural Education in writing by the registration deadline.

***Directions to: Cook College Campus Center,
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ***

From the New Jersey Turnpike (North or South):

Take Exit 9. After the tollbooths bear to the right; follow signs for Route 18 North - New Brunswick. Proceed along Route 18 North and take the exit marked "Route 1 South - Trenton." Proceed along Route 1 South and take the exit marked "College Farm Road." Proceed along College Farm Road onto the Cook College Campus. At the stop sign, turn right onto Dudley Road. Make the first right onto Biel Road. The Cook Campus Center is the first building on your left.

From the Garden State Parkway (North or South):

Southbound - Take Exit 129 for the New Jersey Turnpike and head south. Follow the directions to campus from Route 18 North, below.

Northbound - Take Exit 105 and follow signs for Route 18 North. After approximately 24 miles you will pass the entrance for the New Jersey Turnpike and continue on Route 18 North. Proceed along Route 18 and the exit marked "Route 1 South - Trenton." Proceed along Route 1 South and take the exit marked "College Farm Road." Proceed along College Farm Road onto the Cook College Campus. At the stop sign, turn right onto Dudley Road. Make the first right onto Biel Road. The Cook Campus Center is the first building on your left.

From Route 1 (North or South):

Take the exit marked "College Farm Road" and follow onto the Cook Campus. At the stop sign, turn right onto Dudley Road. Make the first right onto Biel Road. The Cook Campus Center is the first building on your left.

Route Route 287 (North or South):

Take Exit 9 (formerly Exit 5) for "River Road, Bound Brook and Highland Park." Proceed east on River Road toward Highland Park until you reach the 5th traffic light (approximately 3.4 miles) at the intersection of River Road, Metlars Lane and Route 18. Turn right onto Route 18 and cross the Raritan River on the John Lynch Memorial Bridge. At the first traffic light, make a right onto Commercial Avenue. Proceed to the first traffic light and make a left onto George Street. At the first traffic light make a right onto Nichol Avenue. Make the third left onto Dudley Road. Make the second right onto Biel Road. The Cook College Campus Center is the first building on your left.

PARKING:

Students may be dropped off in front of the campus center or around to the side of the campus center. The entrance to the campus center is facing Biel Road.

Buses can be parked in the Visitors Parking Lot, located at the intersection of Dudley and College Farm Roads near the Marine Science and Food Science Buildings. A parking permit is not required, but the lot is normally filled. Get there early!